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Trees freeze

Ice-laden trees droop under the weight of winter frost last Thursday as the season maintains its tenacious grip. The air was crisp but the sun was shining, setting a picturesque winter panorama.
(Photo by Harpwood)

Budget snowed under

The $9,000 budget for snow removal at Niagara College has already been exceeded by several thousand dollars, Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said.

"I would guess that by the end of the year we will be 50 to 60 per cent over the budget," he said.

The problem of students parking their cars and taking up three spaces instead of one is ever apparent.

"We are reluctant to tow cars away but if parking habits continue to be inconsiderate of others, then something will have to be done," Mr. Spittle said.

The gigantic piles of snow that book-end the parking lots are there until the spring sunshine takes them away. "The piles will not be moved because initially they do not interfere with parking and it will cost money to move them.

"The priority is clearing the pavement to provide areas for the cars to rest while the students are in class."

OPSEU says:

Forced retirement breaks contract

The faculty union has told management that if employees are forced to retire at age 65 it will be considered breaking the contract.

"We also said that we will advise any employees who may be affected to 'grieve'," Duane Orr, vice-president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), said. (Grieving is formal union procedure for lodging a grievance against management.)

"Anything that is not spelled out in the contract comes under management right and up to this point there has been no compulsory retirement age, so if it is changed now it would be considered grievable," he said.

The memo was sent to Anthony Manera, college president, before he left, but, because it was lost in the mail, he was not able to comment.

The management committee has recommended to the Board of Governors that retirement age for all full-time employees of Niagara College should be Aug. 31 after the employees' 65th birthday. A phasing period will ensure that no one at the college will have to retire before Aug. 31 in 1980.

The administrative association and non-academic OPSEU union groups at the college consider the policy "discriminatory".

The faculty OPSEU has formed a committee to look into the policy and prepare a brief outlining the ideas received from the staff. "We've had quite a good response from staff members with quite a few good ideas," Mr. Orr said. A preliminary brief will be available on Feb. 14.

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Student chances slim for new lounge area

By ANNITA NEWELL

The chance of students getting the space now occupied by the computer centre seemed a little slimmer after college president A.S. Manera's farewell speech last month.

"Space presently occupied by the computer centre...should be allocated to relieve space pressures faced by the schools of applied arts and health sciences," Mr. Manera said in his speech.

It is possible that no decision will be reached before next fall.

A bid by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) to locate a student recreation area and lounge in the computer area was presented to Mr. Manera by Al Aboud, director of student services, on Jan. 13.

The idea originated with Peter Rylander, athletic director. He said he felt it would be a good area for such a facility because it is across the hall from the gymnasium and could be supervised easily.

His reaction to Mr. Manera's statement was: "I'd say we are third on the list. I don't know all the requirements for applied arts and health sciences—maybe they are in dire need."

Doug Radelja, vice-president of athletics for SAC, expressed surprise at Mr. Manera's words.

"Everything I've underfstood up to now has led me to believe it had a chance," he said.

"I think there should be an area where students could find something to do at school and since that area is near the gym, it should be there."

Student councils in the past have made plans for a student complex and surplus funds from student activity fees are being set aside in a trust fund to that end. However, the cost of construction is so high it would take many years of surpluses to cover the initial cost.

Doug sees acquiring the computer centre as a chance for some type of student facility in the near future.

Mr. Rylander said he has seen the whole college expand in the nine years he has been here, "and we have stayed the same, except for the addition of three tennis courts." Whole buildings have gone up for applied arts and other programs, he said.

"The primary function of the college is academic and if their space needs are justified then we'll have to go along with it." But if the space is used only for classrooms with all the empty classrooms he sees, especially in the afternoons, "then somebody just justify that."

Mr. Aboud said the student population has doubled in the last six years but recreation facilities on campus have not increased. "We haven't had any increase in any indoor recreation space. I think we have a fair chance; I feel confident it will be given a fair consideration considering the circumstances."

He said when he presented the proposal to Mr. Manera, the president said he would not make a decision now and that it would have to be considered by the management committee which has taken over for him.

Asked when he would know whether the proposal had been accepted, Mr. Aboud said there should be some specific information available before the college opens next September.

"It's quite an attractive area," he said. "Urgent needs would be given priority.

He said unless there is an urgent need for classroom space, he would agree with Mr. Rylander that allocating the area for classrooms should be justified by someone.

Elections March 22

Elections for Student Administrative Council (SAC) for the 1978-79 school year will be held on March 22.

Interested students must have their nominations in by Feb. 20; the campaigning will start March 6.

Application forms can be picked up at the SAC office. The positions open are:president, executive vice-president, vice-president of finance, vice-president of internal affairs, vice-president of external affairs, vice-president of athletics and club convenor.

All candidates must have a 2 point average for the semester to qualify for nomination.

Grants for labor studies but no money for Niagara

By IRENE BRENNER

The federal government has just given $185,767 "to promote labor education" in post secondary institutions — but none of it to Niagara College despite its "proven track record" in labor education.

The college applied to Ottawa three months ago with a well researched proposal for a $37,700 grant and believed it would be approved. But it was rejected.

Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of the Institute of Labor and Labor-Management Studies, is angry. "If anyone deserved a grant, Niagara College did," he said.

The 11 grants announced last month went across Canada to the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto; six universities and four colleges. They are part of a program announced last June by federal labor minister John Munro to provide $10 million in education funds over five years to unions and labor organizations in Canada.

The $37,700 grant was applied for three months ago by Sean O'Flynn, co-ordinator of labor studies. Mr. O'Flynn discussed the grant in Ottawa and Dr. Robinson spoke in Toronto. They were "led to believe" they would get the grant, Dr. Robinson said.

"How does one achieve a grant?" Dr. Robinson wondered. Niagara College was the first publicly-funded labor studies program in North America in 1968. It has had "the most success with students." Shirley Carr of Niagara Falls, a former labor studies student, is now the executive vice-president of the Canadian Labor Congress.

"We have complied with all the regulations to get the grant," Dr. Robinson said.

No reason was given for rejection of the Niagara proposal.

The college is "particularly proud" of its relationship with union members, Dr. Robinson said. Ninety per cent of the labor studies students are sponsored by their unions.

"They don't come for more money. They come to better themselves as people and union workers."

Local unions, union area councils and municipal labor councils are encouraged to participate in the program by authorizing scholarships to cover course fees for students.

Niagara College received a $3,000 grant from the provincial

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NC buys 15 acres in Falls —plans for future growth

Niagara College has purchased a piece of land which parallels the Queen Elizabeth highway between Lundy's Lane and McLeod Road as a future Niagara Falls campus.

The 15-acre site was purchased for $105,000 and will probably not be used before the early 1980s, Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said.

"We have sufficient space until then," he said. "Because of declining population and enrolment there is no apparent need for any more space right now."

New records officer has many interests

Helen Slade, Niagara's new records and high school liaison officer, has come to the peninsula to make a new life.

A vivacious woman, Mrs. Slade is involved in a number of activities. She started a needlecraft group, Helen's Happy Hookers in St. Catharines, she is a lector (church reader); she oil paints and is building two rooms in her home.

She has succeeded Mike Somerville, a former Niagara graduate, who resigned as registrar of records and registration and moved to a new post at Brock University.

Born, raised and educated in Montreal, Mrs. Slade said she and her two children, Earl, 15, and Dagny, 11, intend to settle permanently in the peninsula.

She likes the area very much and enjoys working at Niagara College because of its atmosphere — "relaxed efficiency."

Helen's Happy Hookers consists of 10 members meeting two or three times a month to work together on such activities as knitting, crocheting, or hooking rugs.

HELEN SLADE

Forming the group was"a good way for me to get to know people quickly."

An oil painter for the last eight years, she describes her painting as "A touch of surrealism." She comes from a family with many painters and feels she has "some turpentine in my blood."

Mrs. Slade reads at the Star of the Sea Church in St. Catharines at the Sunday masses every third month.

A widow, Mrs. Slade lives with her two children in a new subdivision, Cole Farm, in St. Catharines.

Journalism student appointed editor

A first year Niagara College journalism student has been appointed editor of the North Niagara Junior Farmers' Association monthly newsletter.

Margaret DeRoche has been involved in the club for two years, including a stint as the club treasurer last year. She produces one newsletter a month. Her first letter was nine pages long, and she did most of it herself with the help of another Niagara student who did some artwork for her.

The club which has been in operation for more than 50 years is mostly non-profit. The money collected from dues is used for club activities.

The newsletter goes out to more than 130 members of the Niagara Association, as well as the executive members of five other counties.

Miss DeRoche was not born on a farm, but lives on a 10-acre farm in Campden, just outside Vineland.

Welland gives $500

Welland city council voted unanimously Feb. 7 to give Niagara College $500 for the Celebrate Canada Festival.

Welland finance committee recommended that city council give $500 to Niagara College to help with the festival to be held March 15 to 18.

Gail Hilyer, co-ordinator of the festival, and Eileen Muir, chairman of the publicity committee, appeared at a finance committee meeting Jan. 24 and asked Welland to contribute towards $3,000 to help support the festival.

First housing co-op alternative to renting

By NANCY LIEBAU

The first continuing co-operative housing group in the Niagara peninsula has been incorporated, it was announced at a meeting of the co-op Jan. 8.

Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of community education at Niagara and president of the newly formed Welland Co-operative Homes Inc., calls co-operative housing a "third way" to combat inflationary housing, a concept not synonomous with non-profit housing.

Co-operative housing is not specifically for people who can't afford a house, but is for those who want to have their own home economically.

The co-op proposes to acquire and rehabilitate suitable housing for family living in Welland, catering to families falling within the $5,000 to $18,000 (annual) income range. A research grant of $500 has been received from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and a start-up grant of $10,000 from the same corporation is being sought.

Mark Saltarelli, Co-operative Trust representative and resource person for Welland Co-op, said "the major orientation of co-operative housing is an alternative to renting, not an alternative to buying." Mr. Saltarelli is a part-time teacher in Niagara's Labor Studies Division.

Dr. Robinson said there are certain "catches" to co-operative ownership. Each individual lives in his own house, but the dwellings are owned by everyone who is a part of the co-operative, meaning a decision to paint, for example, is made by the co-op as a whole.

CAN REDUCE COSTS

"It's a democratic way of doing things," Dr. Robinson said. Members run the co-op, forming committees to take care of various responsibilities within it. A maintenance committee, for instance, can reduce the cost of maintenance and keep increase of rent down to a reasonable level. Someone is appointed to take maintenance-related responsibilities and respond to other co-op members' reports.

The difference between co-operative and non-profit housing lies basically in the fact that non-profit housing is owned by a group of interested, concerned community people like a church group. The housing is then provided at a low market rate, the non-profit organization acting as a landlord.

Mr. Saltarelli said non-profit housing is "organizationally and administratively similar" to co-op housing, only it is run by the organization, usually with fewer contributions from those housed, unless they are in strategic positions on the board. Housing of this type is often provided for the handicapped, senior citizens or low-income groups.

When college closes, head for cafeteria

Being stranded at Niagara during a blizzard is not a fun way of passing the weekend.

The management committee has come up with a formal procedure for students with rides when weather forces the college to close. They should head for the cafeteria where drivers with space in their cars will be waiting to pick them up.

The management committee came up with the idea during its last meeting when it was reviewing procedures already being used when a blizzard hits.

"Having people who need a ride muster at the cafeteria will serve two purposes," John Giancarlo, chairman of the committee said. One, it will concentrate those in need of a ride in one place, so students and staff with space in their cars won't have to go searching around the college looking for stragglers, and two, in the event some students do have to stay the night, they'll be where the food is."

Mr. Giancarlo asked that students who have their own transportation refrain from staying over after the college closes to finish important assignments.

"There have been too many cases of students staying over to finish an important project and finding themselves socked in," he said. "If the college is closed, then they should be headed home."

The key to making the plan work, Mr. Giancarlo said, is having the co-operation of people with space in their cars. In the event of a blizzard, anybody with room in their car should drop in at the cafeteria and see if there is somebody going their way. Al Aboud, director of student services, will be co-ordinating the plan and anybody wanting further information should get in touch with him at ext. 278.

"I hope we never have to use the plan again but with the way the weather's been acting up, it's best to be prepared," Mr. Giancarlo said.

Students' enthusiasm revives association

Elections will be held at the first meeting in two years of the Niagara Region Association of Library Technicians.

The association, whose purpose is to promote Library Technicians, suggest salary scales and standardize job skills, will meet at the Niagara Falls Community Centre at 8 p.m. March 6.

Andrew Porteus, 9 Whitehall Rd., St. Catharines, a second year library technician student and interim president, said interest started in November when the provincial association treasurer, Chris Campbell of Mohawk College, spoke to Niagara students.

"There was so much enthusiasm that they decided to revive the Niagara branch," he said.

Andrew said membership is open to all area technicians and first and second year students.

The Niagara association is a branch of the Ontario association of Library Technicians.

Study $60 million plant, turns garbage into fuel power

By MARK MACMILLAN

A $60 million waste recovery plant is to be examined in a proposed study by the province and the Niagara Region.

The idea behind the project is to burn the 800 tons of garbage produced daily in Niagara to provide fuel power for Ontario Paper in Thorold. To date, "The role of Ontario Paper in the region's resource recovery project is that of a participant in a feasibility study," Ken Voss, an Ontario Paper vice-president, said.

The system would turn the waste into steam through the use of a specially designed incinerator burning the garbage at an accelerated rate. The steam would be used in the drying processes at the plant's pulp and paper production level.

A preliminary study by Enercycle Niagara revealed that burning the area's waste could produce about half the paper mill's steam and electricity power which would mean an eventual $65 million reduction in fuel costs.

WANTS FINANCIAL AID

Councilman Bill Marshall, chairman of Niagara Region's public works committee overseeing the study, argues that Ontario Paper should make an effort to supply some financial aid to the proposed project. "The entire project will be a great expense and by paying a nominal fee towards the study, Ontario Paper would be offering an indication of goodwill," he said.

The study the Ministry of the Environment plans to undertake may cost anywhere from $100,000 to $200,000, according to estimates in the preliminary study. The danger to the taxpayer is that the study may be successful but the power may not have a buyer, such is the case in Hamilton where a similar resource recovery system has been completed.

Provincial and municipal authorities in Thorold have said that they want as clean an operation as possible in terms of pollution. "Consultants for the study would have to work closely with all government officials involved," Mr. Voss said.

Another foreseeable problem is that all municipalities in the Niagara region would have to donate their combined waste to have enough garbage to make the system effective. This would mean a massive transportation system organized to deliver the waste to the paper mill on a daily basis.

The plant would be built by the ministry and operated by the region according to talks concerning management. Other similar waste recovery systems are the ministry's pilot plant in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

"If the fuel scale study is complete then the plant could be in operation by late 1980," Mr. Voss said.

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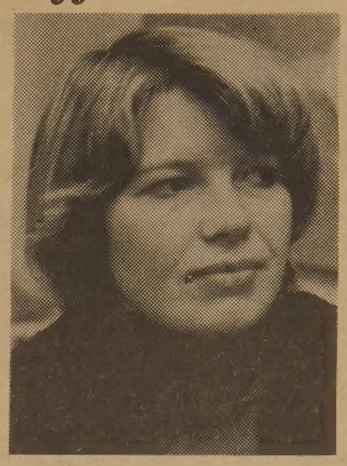
WHAT WORDS CAN'T SAY'

Kay Steele new president of support staff union

Kay Steele, secretary to the chairman of communication arts, has been elected president of local 243 support staff of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

The union represents all the support staff of all the Niagara College campuses.

Newly elected executives are: first vice-president, Tom Bowes, audio visual centre; second vice-president and secretary, Sylvia Bagley, Welland Vale campus; treasurer, Bob Baker, maintenance, two stewards, Joanne Stubbins, duplicating and Jerry Salfi, radio-television production assistant.



KAY STEELE

Elections were held at a general membership meeting at the Casa del Toro restaurant Feb. 2.

A demand-setting meeting will be held in the Tecumseh lounge Thursday Feb. 16 at 7 p.m., preceded by a social.

RTV student, 9 others meet Prince Philip

A Niagara College radio-television student and nine Niagara Falls youths met with Prince Philip in Toronto last Friday.

Award Group, put on a first aid demonstration for the duke at the Scarborough Centennial Recreation Centre. The Duke of Edinburgh was spending a few days in Toronto.

The group which was formed by Brian Cole, second year RTV student, in October, 1977 was chosen for this honor by the provincial director of the award scheme after he viewed a slide presentation produced by the group.

The slide show of a four-day 50-mile hike on the Bruce Trail from Tobermory was produced last summer to gain an expedition qualification for The Duke of Edinburgh Award. The slides have been used by scouting and guide programs.

The group was one of 25 chosen out of 308 groups in the province and is the only active St. John Ambulance group in the award scheme. It was chosen on the basis of its efficiency over the past four months.

Horse gallops past Snake during Chinese New Year

By SYLVIA BAAGO

The Year of the Horse galloped past the Year of the Snake last week heralding the beginning of the Chinese New Year, and according to Oriental tradition, the year should be a good one.

The Chinese calendar is based on the seasons and runs in 12-year cycles with each year named after an animal, Gordon Chen, electronics instructor at Niagara College, said. According to Oriental astrology, whose 12 signs are the same as the animals of the calendar, the Year of the Horse is an especially good year so "everyone should pick a winner," Mr. Chen said.

"A horse is powerful and can jump to a good future, and a horse year is better than a snake year," said Mr. Chen, who was born in China and lived in the United States before immigrating to Canada in 1963.

Chinese legend says that when Buddha was dying, he sent out a message requesting all the animals to come to see him. Only 12 animals heard the message and came. As a reward, Buddha named a year after each of them, in the order that they came.

According to tradition, persons born during the Year of the Horse are said to possess cheerful personalities and are well-liked by others. They are wise but very impatient.

Persons born in 1906, 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954 and 1966 were born in the Year of the Horse.

DISLIKE ADVICE

As well, they are very independent and dislike taking advice from others. However, they are very good at handling money.

The beginning of the Chinese New Year is traditionally the highlight of three weeks of celebrations by members of the Chinese community. However, the event was celebrated quietly this year in the peninsula because New Year's Day fell on a Tuesday.

"Everybody's working hard and had to go to bed early," Danny Wong, president at the Chinese Club, St. Catharines, said.

Elsewhere, the beginning of the Year of the Horse was celebrated with dragon and lion dances, singing and feasting, which is reminiscent of traditional festivities in China.

Even though he was just a child when he left China, Mr. Chen said he remembers the New Year celebrations. "The New Year is celebrated in the old country by dragon and lion dances, family dinners and gifts of money to children. The festival of singing, dancing and feasting starts a week before New Year's Day and goes on for two weeks afterwards.

"In the country, farmers dig out a huge tree root, let it dry out, and on New Year's Eve the villagers use it for a huge bonfire. They stay up all night chatting and playing games around it. In the city, a charcoal fire is used."

According to Chinese legend, New Year's Day is the only day Buddha opens his eyes, and that is why everyone is nice, Mr. Chen said. The end of the festivities two weeks after New Year's Day signifies the coming of spring and the start of the hard work of ploughing and planting.

The New Year's celebrations are also remembered by a recent immigrant from Hong Kong, Solomon Liu, second-year electronics technician who says, "You start New Year's Eve with a big family dinner. Everyone stays until the middle of the night to change from the past to the New Year.

"At 12 midnight, eggs and sweet lotus are served, wishing you happiness for the next year." (Sweet lotus is something like a sweet soup, Mr. Liu says.)

"Parents put money under the children's pillow. Early in the morning, they are given two pieces of lucky money to bring them luck for the whole year. The children then must wish something nice for the parents."

Mr. Liu explained the significance of the dragon in the New Year's festivities: "Usually the dragon represents the king and emperor, who represent good for the people."

EDITORIAL PAGE

Editorials / Opinions

Shouldn't we care?

Niagara College hasn't demonstrated any visible concern over the possibility of Quebec separating from Canada. Canadians may find they are more directly affected than they thought after Premier Rene Levesque holds his referendum. The loss of Quebec could mean the loss of Canada as a nation. The apathy at the college is demonstrated by this edition's Roving Reporter.

If the Sun Life pull-out doesn't bother you nor the fact that David Rockefeller, speaking for American businessmen, has said the Quebec problem imposes an unsafe investment situation for Canada, perhaps the secession of other provinces might.

Quebec wasn't the only province persuaded to join Confederation and if it succeeds in the bid for separation, there is nothing to stop other provinces from following suit. Oil-rich Alberta or geographically isolated British Columbia might decide they are better off without Canada.

The U.S. has reservations about investing in a separate Quebec, but a province willing to become a state may be another story.

President Andrew Jackson declared he would "hang the first man who tried to secede from his union from the nearest tree." While Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has not gone to that length, he has stressed Canadian unity in his appeals to the country with regard to separatism.

He has been criticized for his skirting of the central issues in this country but in this case unity is the key to the Quebec situation. Whatever comes of the referendum will set a precedent for Canadian politics and an example in what a province can get away with. Trudeau does not want that to happen because the future of Canada is at stake, not through the loss of Quebec but because of the danger of losing other provinces.

Students and staff at the college should be less apathetic about separation and realize the threat Quebec poses — it is not merely a question of standing back and watching what happens.

There have been posters around the school promoting bilingualism but it is not just a matter of going metric. Bilingualism may or may not be a good thing for Canadians but it is representative of the extent to which the Quebecois have achieved political rewards for their separation threats.

The Celebrate Canada Festival is upcoming and in preparation, college members might write their MPs and perhaps form an active body to protect Canada from Quebec, and preserve Confederation. Lobbying against the threat may well save Canadian nationhood.

Mark MacMillan

Retirement remedy?

Dear Editor:

Over the past few weeks, the retirement recommendation has been the centre of much controversy and in the interim key arguments have emerged from both points of view. However, there is a possible approach to the retirement question that has not been exploited and is worth considering.

As former president Manera pointed out, the whole question of enforced retirement at 65 is a "very complex subject;" there are good arguments for and against it. The main reason for the retirement recommendation centres on the "desired effect" of bringing "new blood and new ideas into the various schools" of the college, and since the "turnover of instructors is virtually nil," given our present economic conditions, the only way to achieve this desired effect is to adopt a retirement policy. The other point is strictly economic: in order to avoid possible layoffs, some sort of retirement policy may have to be employed.

Those who oppose the recommendation argue that if a person is qualified and fully capable of maintaining his or her position, why should one be forced to retire just because he is 65. Enforced retirement is said to be discriminatory. On this point, I could not agree more; why should a perfectly qualified and capable individual be relegated to the scrap heap just because he or she has reached an arbitrary retirement age?

The college employs a large number of part-time and even seasonal people. Often they are young, fully qualified, eager individuals who are in the market for full-time positions; but because of the present financial restraints, they are denied the opportunity to fully contribute to the enhancement of his or her lifestyle. The desired "new blood and new ideas" is stultified under present conditions.

Given this situation, my proposal is this: wherever there is a fully qualified individual who is seeking full-time employment with the college and there is also a senior member of faculty who is of retirement age by the suggested retirement date, then, where the opportunity affords itself, the two should simply switch positions. In this manner, the problem of a retirement policy that does not "take into account the contributions an individual has or can make to the college" is greatly overcome. The senior member is not tossed on the scrap heap but is kept on staff where his or her extensive years of experience and knowledge are not wasted. At the same time, new blood and new ideas can begin to fully emerge.

Given the financial restraints that are being imposed on the college and on educational spending in general, plus the rather gloomy economic scene that is confronting us all, and certainly some more than others, I strongly believe my proposal is worthy of serious consideration.

Doug Stock
English instructor

Happy Valentine's Day

Love or valor?

Eating a heart a day keeps demons away

By LIZ MATHIAS

St. Valentines day is symbolized by the heart. To many people the heart has symbolized the centre and essence of being.

In pre-scientific ages, the heart was a symbol of eternity and the true seat of intellect, the brain being thought to be no more than instrumental.

An Indian tribe in the United States believed that sickness was a sign that the heart had been stolen by a witch. To regain his health, the person had only to swallow a symbolic heart consisting of a stuffed ball of rags containing grain in the centre.

The Aztecs of Mexico considered the heart the god of earth and sun. To tear the hearts from the bodies of children was to obtain command over the elements.

PRIMITIVE CUSTOM

Equally as barbaric, the custom of primitive tribes was to eat the heart of heroic enemies to acquire their valor. In some communities, the heart of dead kings were ritually eaten by their successors as a matter of course.

The hearts of animals were also eaten to acquire their characteristics.

The insertion of pins and thorns into a sheep's heart which was then thrust up a chimney to be consumed by flame and smoke was considered a remedy against destruction by an enemy.

The heart peirced by an arrow represents the female mystic centre penetrated by the phallus. It is a clearly defined symbol of sexual intercourse.

ACQUIRE BEAUTY

Ceremonies are still practised in parts of the United States by young girls. To swallow the raw heart of a chicken means to acquire beauty and beau.

When children give a pledge of secrecy they say "cross your heart and hope to die." Legends say for the penalty of a breech of faith the mortal must forfeit his heart which is replaced by a stone.

A "heart-to-heart talk" is a frank conversation between two people.

A person who "wears his heart on his sleeve" is one who exposes his feelings to the world.

In popular symbolism, however, the heart is considered a sign of mutual love rather than hatred and to "lose one's heart" means to fall in love. As a motif in art the heart remains popular in the valentine card.

Congrats to Niagara

Dear Editor,

This year, with many thanks to Dr. Eric Robinson, Niagara College became involved in the community.

It was a real treat for the children and adults to have access to such a production as The King of the Golden River. Opening night on Wednesday saw people who had never seen the theatre centre and were in attendance. From all indications and comments, we hope that another will be ready for next year.

The basketballl game and the martial arts as well as arts and crafts were cancelled unfortunately, but the basketball game was re-scheduled.

The Carnival Committee was really pleased to see that all of the institutions of learning were involved this year, from public schools, to senior citizens home Sunset Haven as well as service clubs.

The Carnival Committee was really pleased to see that all of the institutions of learning were involved this year, from public schools to the senior citizens home, Sunset Haven, as well as services clubs, Club Champlain, *Welland Snowmobile Club*, Welland Motorcycle Club, Heritage Council, etc.

The hockey game between Cornwall and Niagara was a fantastic game and, as chairman of the Carnival, I am truly disappointed in the lack of interest from both staff and students in their team. It was most embarrassing to see a bus of players come all the way from Cornwall to an empty arena. Just a few members of the committee and Dr. Robinson were present. It seems that Dr. Robinson started a good thing by co-ordinating events of the college during the Carnival and it is hoped that the student body will develop a sense of pride in the endeavors of fellow students who are willing to sacrifice their time to represent their college in various sports.

Again, congratulations to all participants.

Yvette Ward

Winner

Number 0007 proved to be its usual lucky self in the draw for a trip to Florida sponsored by the Niagara Business Club (NBC).

Ken Hughes of Fonthill had the winning ticket drawn last week by Ivar Noren, chairman, applied management.

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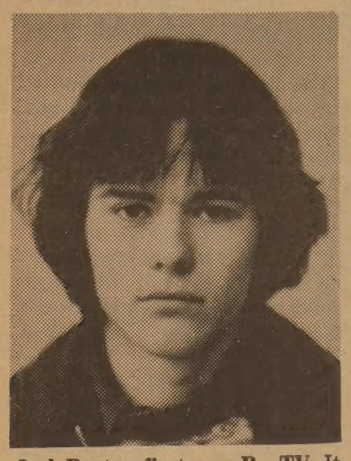
Roving Reporter

By EUGENE FELTON and ANNITA NEWELL

Quebec: few concerned, most casual

QUESTION: Does Quebec separatism affect you as a student of Niagara College? Why?



Jack Peets—first year R—TV: It doesn't really affect me that much. It's in Quebec and I'm in Ontario. It bothers me but it doesn't affect me. I wouldn't want them to separate.

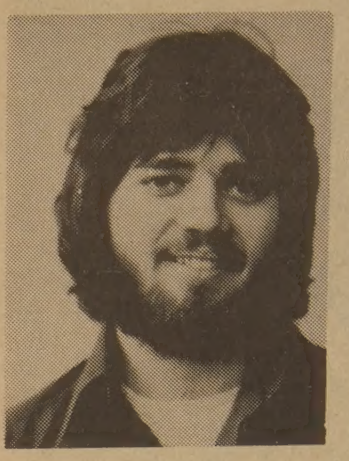
Karen Maloney—first year graphic arts: No, not really. I don't like it. I think we should all be able to live peacefully together. I can see a split happening, but I don't like it.

Nelson Blais—upgrading—academic: In a way it does bother me. No. No specific reason.

Sharon Fortney—electronics—retraining: It hasn't yet. I'm afraid of it affecting me at some point. I've got a feeling the way it's going it might affect jobs whether they are government jobs or not.

Jamie Nielson—first year graphic arts: It doesn't bother me. I'm not concerned. Just as long as I don't have to speak French, it doesn't bother me.

Bonnie Raby—academic upgrading: I don't think they should separate. If we don't stick together a lot of people will be in trouble. I think they want to separate.



Ritch Atak— first year R—TV: No, not yet. It might some day when I get out of here and try to get a job. I might learn French if I wanted to get a job in Quebec.

Elaine Kaluzny—second year social services: No, because I'm not involved in it. I think there is a chance of separation, but I hope that won't happen.

Glenn Merrick—academic upgrading: Not to my knowledge. Why should it? If they separated it wouldn't matter to me much.

Round-up of events for Winter Carnival

Here's the line-up of Winter Carnival events for this week sponsored by the Student Administrative Council. (SAC):

Monday: Cross-country ski races on the football field behind the gym. Two races are scheduled—one at noon and one at 1 p.m. Register at the SAC office. Skis will be supplied if your size is available or bring your equipment. There will be cash prizes for first place.

Tentative plans for a beard-growing contest.

Tuesday: Free movie in the Hamilton Room—"The Pink Panther Strikes Again."

Wednesday: Ruckus pub.

Thursday: Euchre tournament all day in the lounge in front of the library, or in the SAC office. There is a 26-team limit; it will probably be straight knock-out euchre with cash prizes.

Pie-eating contest in the cafeteria during the double lunch. Sign up as soon as possible; entries are limited.

Tug-o'-war in front of the library at about 12:30 p.m. Teams of five men or seven girls or three of each will participate. Sign up at the SAC office by Wednesday. There are already three teams formed from SAC, the Howdy Rowdy Club, and the Niagara Business Club.

Friday: Cross-country ski-trip to Molson's Park, Barrie. Three buses are scheduled to go.

Saturday: Super Pub starring Rose and Shooter. It's at the Ukrainian Culture Centre, McCabe Street off Southworth Drive. Anyone who knows how to get to the Atlas Hotel should be able to find Super Pub. Doors open at 7 p.m. Shooter will open the show at 8 p.m.

The Niagara Business Club is planning some activities during Winter Carnival week, but plans were not set at press time. Tentative plans include broomball on the tennis courts and toboggan races.

Week's activities at Hotel Centre, Niagara Falls

Wednesday: Euchre contest at the Rainbow Hotel Centre. Names must be submitted by today to the SAC office. Tobogganing races at Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls at 8 p.m. with wine and cheese party to follow. Bring your own toboggan.
Bowling at Midtown Bowling lanes in Niagara Falls from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. — submit names and average to SAC office by today.

Thursday: Pub at Oakes Drive motel in Niagara Falls beginning at 9 p.m.
Euchre contest at the pub — submit names to SAC office by today.

Friday: A car rally will begin under the Rainbow Bridge where the Hotel School is located. Entry fee of $1 to be paid before the start of the race and names must be submitted to the SAC office by today. Winners' names will be put on the car rally trophy and they will also receive a complimentary trophy.

All Niagara College students are invited to participate in the Hotel School's Winter Carnival. Prizes will be given to winners. The Hotel School is on River Road in Niagara Falls just under the Rainbow Bridge.

NC summer projects could employ 35

Niagara College is applying to the Young Canada Works program for funding for seven projects which would provide summer employment for 35 area young people.

The seven projects include site beautification, metric conversion, a 16mm sound and color film and a careers clinic on employment for women in science and technology. The projects will be spread throughout the three federal ridings of St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls.

All the projects have been approved in principle by the college's external grants review committee, and will be presented to the finance committee for final approval tomorrow night, said George Repar, chairman of the committee. The projects will then be presented to Young Canada Works.

One stipulation for funding from Young Canada Works is that the projects must employ returning students, that is, "students returning to university, college or high school," Mr. Repar said. Graduating students are not eligible.

As well, the projects must provide employment that is relevant to the students' careers. Students must apply through student employment centres of Canada Manpower.

The site beautification project will be co-ordinated through the horticulture school and will include repairs and painting of two barns and a house owned by the city of St. Catharines.

Other projects include repairs to the Theatre Centre, Empire Street, and the college's day care day care centre during the summer. Last year Niagara College employed about 25 young people through Young Canada Works projects.

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1800 meets 1978

Fun 'n frolic at Ball's Falls sleighs, smiths, snowmobiles

By BRENDA FREURE

It was a conglomeration of early 1800 and modern day 1978. There was something for everyone from old-fashioned sleigh rides, the opening of the grist mill and the smithy to snowmobile races and motorcycle hill climbs.

Sunday breakfast was never so filling. Thirteen hundred people consumed 500 pounds of pancake batter, 125 pounds of sausages and 50 gallons of maple syrup. People from Toronto were there at 7:30 a.m. for the pancake breakfast served in the Big Barn.

Ball's Falls, known for its cascading waterfalls, excellent hiking trails and campsites, draws large crowds throughout the year. Feb. 4 and 5 were no exception.

Fifteen thousand people swarmed the grounds of Ball's Falls conservation area to participate in the 12th annual Jordan Lions' Winter Carnival.

Dog-sled and snowmobile races, an antique gun shoot, chain saw demonstrations, wood burning, a display of old farm equipment, parachute jumping and helicopter rides are just a sample of the activities.

For those traditional people, a team of horses pulled an old-fashioned sleigh around the carnival grounds bringing back fond memories to the old and amazing the young.

The blacksmith forge was fired up again. People peered through the acrid smoke to see the blacksmith shaping horseshoes.

All those with healthy appetites induced by the cold weather could purchase a bowl of borscht cooked in a cast iron pot over a raging fire. People crowded around the huge pot to keep warm.

Hamburgs, hotdogs, coffee, tea and Jordan Carnival souvenirs could be purchased in the Big Barn. The barn showed no trace of the pancake breakfast held two hours before.

Those needing spirits to ward off the cold could partake in a brew in the White House Tavern set up especially for the carnival.

As usual, Hoy Boy, the mythical snowman, made his appearance at the carnival. It's rumored that he only comes out of his cave for the Jordan Lions' carnival. Faithful carnival goers will swear to this.

Nineteen-year-old Kimberley Eagles of Beamsville was crowned Snow Queen at the Snow Queen Winter Fest which kicked off the carnival.

Cars were parked in Vineland Quarry, about one-quarter mile from Ball's Falls. Buses, filled to capacity, ran continuously from the quarry to the carnival grounds.

Those not competing in the snowmobile races, motorcycle hill climbs and car races could be seen tobogganing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing.

The carnival is the Jordan Lions' Club major fund-raising event. Proceeds are used to help finance the group's many municipal activities in the Jordan area of Lincoln.

Sports

Skiing / Hockey

'2½ cars' replace bus

The Niagara Business Club lost several participants in its night skiing trip last Tuesday because the college closed that day.

At the last minute, the club had to cancel a bus for the tr) to Kissing Bridge and go by car. Only 13 people showed up at the college so they took "2½ cars," Andre Champagne, vice-president of the club, said.

But he said they had a good time and would like to do it again.

Come ski with me

The Niagara College Ski Club is inviting students to enjoy a day of skiing at Holiday Valley, Ellicotville, New York.

For $12 per person a bus will leave the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 24.

Lift tickets are included in the price but for those who wish to rent skis the cost is $7 extra and lessons are $9.

Ellicotville is about 45 kilometres south of Buffalo.

Novice skier

A course which began last week at Niagara College is teaching people to fall for cross-country skiing. (Photo by Reid)

St. Clair Saints come marching in and win

It was another close call but no cigar for the Niagara Knights basketball team on Feb. 4 as they lost 71-68 to the St. Clair Saints.

The Knights opened the game with a 2-1-2 offensive alignment with centre Ted Kicinski as the middle man. Guards Marcel Larouche and Danny Rzadkowski moved the ball quickly down the court and the NC forwards were hitting the basket consistently from the corners in the opening minutes of play.

Kicinski was effective inside the Saints' zone coverage both in shooting and rebounding. The Knights continued to work their offences well, alternating the 2-1-2 with a 1-3-1, but their shooting wasn't accurate.

With 10 minutes left in the half, the St. Clair shooters went on a hot streak that saw them sinking 15-footers over the NC zone defence. Niagara switched to man-to-man defence but with 2½ minutes left in the first half they were down 35-19.

The Saints had played a game the previous evening so in the second half the Knights' strategy was to tire them by pressing on defence and capitalizing on fast breaks.

The Knights ran hard during the second period and by the 12-minute mark, the score was closer, 46-39 Saints. Because the pace was so fast, NC coach Peter Rylander started substituting, and the bench proved its worth.

Ron Bardwell and Jerry Jones put together excellent defensive shows to contain the Saints while Kicinski and Mike Kicul racked up points.

The Saints tried to pick the NC man-to-man defence but they couldn't crack it. With less than four minutes left in the game, the Knights had held the Saints to 68 points and were down by nine. With 58 seconds remaining the score was 68-64. With 30 seconds remaining it was 68-67. Foulsa knocked the Knights out of the contest. Two fouls in the final four seconds of play cost the Knights three points. They made one basket of their own but time had run out and the game ended 71-68.

Top scorers for the Knights were Mike Kicul with 15 points and Ted Kicinski with 14. Top scorer for the Saints was Koscielski with 25 points, followed by Boutette with 14 points.

Skiing in Vermont for winter break

Today is the last day to sign up for six days and five nights of skiing in the mountains of Vermont from Feb. 26 to March 3.

The Ski Club of Niagara College is joining the excursion and is inviting anyone to go.

For $139 U.S. funds, students can enjoy skiing, swimming, indoor tennis and sauna or just relax by a warm fire in the luxury of a fully equipped condominium.

Majestic Travel Service of Toronto offers a package price which includes transportation, a five-day lift ticket, accommodation (12 to a room) and free hot wax for skis.

Smugglers Notch ski lodge also offers a welcome party in one of its two bars, ski movies and skating. Lessons and discount ski rentals are available.

Charterways will provide return transportation on a washroom-equipped coach from Toronto.

Awards encourage students

Marianne Cricenti, 20, secretarial steno-typist, is the first student to receive a new scholarship at the college, the $300 IBM Secretarial Award.

Marianne, 5449 McGrail Ave., Niagara Falls, received the award because of her proficiency in her first term studies. She had a grade point average of four. The $300 scholarship is to assist the student in paying tuition fees and expenses.

Dan Moloney, marketing manager of IBM Hamilton office, and member of the secretarial advisory committee, presented the award to Marianne in the Secord Room Feb. 8.

"I didn't expect it," Marianne said. "I think it encourages you to do better."

IBM's objective in offering the award is to make students work harder and be more competitive, Mr. Moloney said. "IBM has nothing to do with the selection of the award winner's, the college chooses the most proficient student in the secretarial programs."

All students enrolled in the four secretarial programs are considered for the award.

Rylander seeks women for sports

By ROB KELLY

Peter Rylander is chasing women.

Niagara College's athletic director has been asking himself the same old question for nine years — why don't more women participate in intramural sports?

Mr. Rylander started four sports for women this school year, two for women only, volleyball and badminton, and two co-ed, indoor softball and volleyball. He couldn't scare up more than 20 girls for any of them.

"I wish I knew the reasons," Mr. Rylander said. "Maybe it's because they've been turned off by phys ed in high school. Maybe they just got out of it because it's optional now (at most high schools).

"Phys ed is part of education," he said. "A student's education isn't strictly the school hours spent here — if it is I feel sorry for that person."

Last year the athletic department offered ladies' hockey but no one tried out.

GIRLS LOSING OUT

"What do they want?" he asked. "We don't have the equipment for some thing, like gymnastics, but I'd offer anything we could if they showed an interest. We're doing things you can use for the rest of your life — swimming, tennis, curling. I think girls are losing out by not participating more, not demanding more."

Intramural sports are run in the double lunch periods to make them available to most people. To keep things as fair as possible, students on varsity teams can't compete in their own sports on the intramural level.

The athletic department also offers a course called Recreation and Leisure that gives students a credit. It offers a sampling of tennis, curling, badminton and swimming.

It has been suggested at a meeting of the committee for the Direction of Athletics and Recreation (a group comprising athletics teachers from colleges) that intramural sports become credit courses.

Any college can make the decision to give credits for intramurals on its own. Mr. Rylander could put the request through channels.

"If we did that it'd have to be well regulated," he said. "I have thought about it but I haven't made any decision yet."

Knights

Better than usual, still lose to Falcons

The Niagara Knights hockey team played a better game than usual Feb. 4, but they still lost to the Fanshawe Falcons 10—6.

The first period of the game was close. Both teams ran high scoring offences that piled up four goals for each team by the 20-minute mark.

The Knights ran a more patient offence than they usually do.

The Knights ran a more patient offence than they usually do. They kept the Falcons busy and worked the puck smoothly while waiting for an opening.

The pace of the contest was quicker than usual for the Knights. They hustled well and contained Falcon power plays. There was a lot of good clean checking in the game and the Knights often skillfully pokechecked the Falcons away from the puck.

At the end of the second period, the Knights were down only one goal, 6—5.

In the third period, the Knights lost their touch. The Falcons came on strong and the Knights couldn't really come on at all. They continued to check well and defensive play was adequate but their offence went sour. Fanshawe scored three minutes into the period to make it 7—5, and again four minutes later.

At one point an NC shooter hit one of his own men with the puck while trying to score. NC passing was off the mark.

Niagara scored once in the third at 11 minutes, but it was the Falcons night as they piled in four goals and shut down the NC shooters even when Niagara pulled their goalie to use six attackers in the final seconds of the game.

Grants

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government last year. The college applied for a Local Initiatives Program (LIP) in the past, but that was rejected, too. "We're having trouble with the federal government," Dr. Robinson said.

The Ontario Training Council investigated the college. There is "jealousy of us," Dr. Robinson said. They have a "blunt criticism of our advisory council which is the greatest thing we have going for us."

The council is made up of 15 leading labor members from this area. Ted Jones, president of Welland and District labor council, is chairman of the labor studies advisory committee. Other members include Alex Sharpe, area supervisor for the United Steel Workers of America (USWA), Gary Hoyle, representative of the United Electrical Workers of America and Bill Orr, secretary-treasurer of USWA in St. Catharines.

Western colleges receiving grants included Athabasca University, Edmonton, Alta., which is "experimental in all programs" and teaches through the media using television, Dr. Robinson said.

At Niagara, on the other hand, "We have a proven track record."

Sports

Basketball / Tennis

NC student has to pull some strings to keep his job

By NANCY LIEBAU

Don Thrower has to pull some strings in order to keep his job.

The second-year surveying student at Niagara works in the Quantos sports store at Seaway Mall, Welland, where he strings badminton, tennis and squash racquets.

"When a racquet is strung by hand, you're getting the job done right, as far as I'm concerned," Don says, as he places a tennis racquet across the frame of the tension machine. "If it is strung by machine, the cost is the same, and as far as I know a machine sets it in a standard way with no consideration for the type of racquet being strung."

Don began stringing racquets in August and has developed his skill so that he is sometimes able to string a racquet in 45 minutes or half an hour. The average time it takes him to string a racquet is an hour, although in the summer, when a lot of racquets are being brought in, Don can "bang 'em off a little quicker."

The method of stringing a racquet is based on the principle of weights, which regulate the tension applied to different types of racquets. A badminton racquet needs 30 pounds, a squash racquet 45 to 50 pounds and a tennis racquet, 60 pounds.

"I can vary the tension if poeple so desire, but I don't tighten tennis racquet strings," Don says, glancing up at the children who have collected to watch the operation. "The tightest I've done is 65 pounds--that was for a tennis racquet."

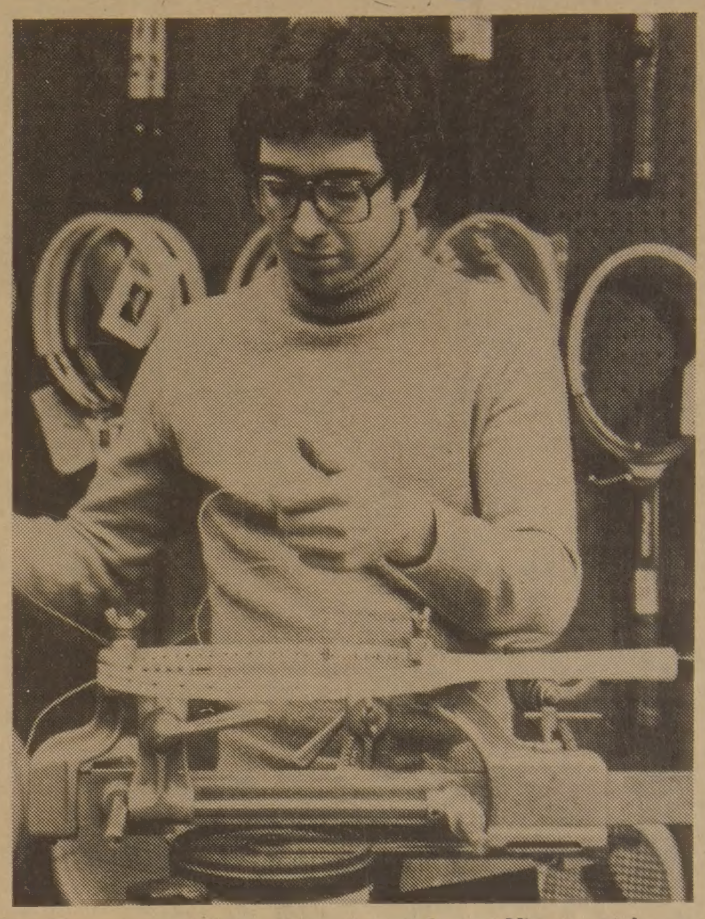
WATCH WITH INTEREST

The children nudge each other as Don works, some of whom have "never seen a racquet strung. Some kids will watch me string a whole racquet."

The apparatus used for stringing stands about four feet high, with an attached fixture holding the weights that determine the tension applied. Eighteen feet of main string are strung from end to end, guided by main string clamps. These clamps are replaced by cross string clamps when 18 more feet of cross strings are woven across the main strings.

"Cross strings are strung under one main, over the next, like weaving," Don says, with an accompanying demonstration. "The life of the string is shortened if it is grooved by dragging the cross string over the main. I start the cross from the right-hand side at the top."

Don ties the string off four times altogether, three times at the bottom and once at the top. Tightening the racquet is one of the most important features of the entire operation, he says. "If a racquet is strung well you can cut one string and the whole thing will be tight except for that square inch, say. If you make an error you might as well start over. There's no use trying to sluff your way through — it'd be noticed one of these days."



Don Thrower, second-year surveying student at Niagara, strings a tennis racquet at Quantos sports store at the Seaway Mall. It takes about one hour to string a racquet. (Photo by Liebau)

Don points to a chart on the wall inside the store, surrounded by a vast array of racquets. The chart shows five types of string and what it costs to have each strung on a racquet. Prices range from $10 to $25, the natural gut being most expensive. Don claims the more expensive types are easier to string and less abrasive on the racquet. String texture also contributes to the length of time it takes to complete a racquet, along with composition and type of racquet frame.

SQUASH A PAIN

"Badminton racquets are easiest, tennis is fun because of its size, and squash is nothing but a pain in the neck," Don says, tugging gently at the cross strings at the bottom of the racquet where the going gets tougher.

Some of the racquets Don works on are those that people bring in to be restrung. Others are brand new and come from the manufacturer without string. Asked why some racquets arrive at the store unstrung, Don shrugs his shoulders. "There are 30 types of string. If someone can afford 80 bucks for a racquet, they'll want to buy their own string, that's for sure."

There are a few tools scattered on a ledge on the tension machine. Don picks up one that resembles a crochet hook without the hook, and waves it in his hand as he explains its function. The tool is called an awl, a pointed instrument which helps guide stubborn strings through the holes in the racquet. Fine pliers are used to pull the string through the holes when it is stiff.

There are usually nine main strings on each side of the centre main, Don says, but there is always an exception to the rule. Occasionally he plinks on the strings as though the racquet is a banjo, a routine that is "just a habit, really," rather than a necessary measure in testing the tension of the strings.

Don has strung about 100 racquets so far this winter. The process appears to have become almost automatic for him.

"At first it's boring," Don says, the racquet at his fingertips nearly completed, "but the thing is, you have to keep awake at certain points. At first I was watched, but I had to more or less play it by ear. I didn't have a clue then. But I really enjoy it. I guess it's like anything you're good at — you enjoy doing it."

Give me that ball! Members of the Niagara and St. Clair lady basketball teams fight over the ball in the game on Feb. 4. Niagara lost 59-35. (Photo by Kelly)

Saints dominant in first half defeat NC lady cagers 59-35

The Niagara Knights ladies team dropped a 59-35 game to the St. Clair Saints in the Feb. 4 basketball doubleheader.

The Saints dominated the Knights throughout the first half, holding a comfortable nine-point lead, 26-17, when the period ended.

The Knights were attempting to keep the St. Clair team off balance by throwing the ball all the way down the court and by using long lateral passes. Too often though, the Saints intercepted the passes and broke down the court for unobstructed scoring attempts.

NC played a zone defence against the taller Saints. The St. Clair team shot over their zone though, and towards the end of the half the Knights were drawing a lot of fouls (four shots in one minute) while trying to defend against the bigger team.

The Saints widened their lead in the second half, with a quick six-point burst, and barely three minutes into the half, the score was 36-19.

Coach Russ Stevenson cautioned his team to shoot more from the outside, but the Knights couldn't find the basket and the game ended 59-37 for the Saints.

"It was an unsually bad game for us," said Stevenson. "We were just tired. We played ourselves out against George Brown the night before" (George Brown is one of the most powerful teams in the league and the women had lost to them by only one point).

"You can't expect to win when you only shoot 19 per cent," said Stevenson.

The loss gives the injury-riden Knights a 5-8 record, with no chance at a playoff position.

Intramural basketball

Intramural basketball teams for men and women are being organized to begin competition on Feb. 21. Anyone interested in forming a team should submit a list of players to the athletic department by Friday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. for women, 4 p.m. for men.

Men's teams must have at least eight players and must submit the name of the team captain with the roster.

Competition will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the double lunch period.

Records

Records and tapes can be ordered from the Student Administrative Council (SAC) office.

SAC tried to begin such a scheme before Christmas, but it fell through. This time the executive is ordering through Leo Cooper, a sales representative for Records Warehouse Distributors.

A catalogue and display rack are in the SAC office and delivery will take about two weeks.

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Entertainment

Arts / Music

Show goes in spite of snow Good Bros. worth the trek

By ROB KELLY

Hot on the spurred heels of their new album, "Pretty Ain't Good Enuff," and directly from the exotic Franklin Hotel in St. Catharines came the Good Brothers for a lunchtime concert at Niagara last Tuesday.

School was cancelled that morning because of the weather but the concert was scheduled anyway and the band played to a three-quarters full cafeteria.

RCA put up the money for the group's latest album and so far they haven't been disappointed—the record has sold 25,000 copies in Canada in the short time it has been available.

At their college concert, the band started out playing the bluegrass, country-picking music that has up until lately been their stock-in-trade, the kind of thing that built up their cult following. They moved through pure country tunes with ease, pulling quick riffs from guitars and Larry Good's banjo while the three brothers moulded the harmonies.

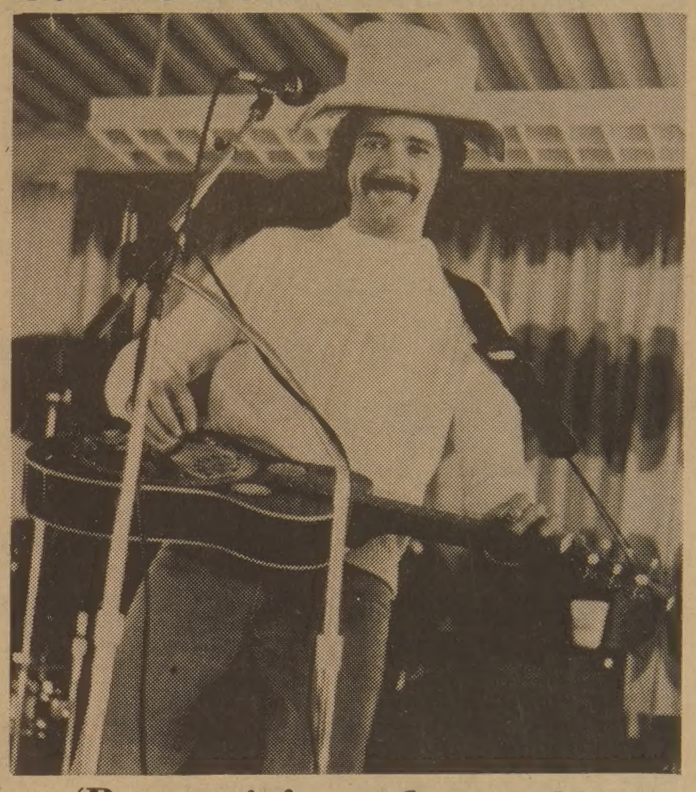
SOMETHING NEW

There was a new element in their music, though. It showed through mostly on cuts from Pretty, ballads like A Cowboy in Paris, and Kitty Star.

"It's a departure," said Bruce Good over his beer after the show. "We're doing more contemporary tunes. We want more air play on radio stations."

The band is at an awkward stage in its development right now. It is trying to take the step from being a bar band to being a concert band. They still do the honky-tonk circuit outside of the big towns but "we're staying out of the concert cities," Good said.

"If we start going to clubs we might not make the attendance we want in the bigger halls—like Massey Hall in Toronto or Hamilton Place. We may be back in bars, but not as often as we used to be."



'Pretty ain't good enough'

(Photo by Newell)

To help them market their evolving popular country music the Goods enlisted the help of Larry Brown, a New York-based producer. "He was looking for a country band," Good said. "Brown is also a songwriter of some renown having penned hits like Tie a Yellow Ribbon, and Sweet Gypsy Rose.

Only two of the 11 cuts were original Good Brothers material, said Bruce, but the group plans to write "80 or 90 per cent" of the material for a new RCA album they'll begin cutting in Nashville in May.

The Goods will play a six-city tour of the United States to coincide with the American release of Pretty in March. Another project in the works is a two-night show in Minneapolis with the Ozark Mountain Daredevils. It'll be back to the studio in May for the group to record a third album for RCA.

Hopes for permanent Gilbert and Sullivan

By MURIEL CERTO

Three Niagara College graduates are part of a company that hopes to form a permanent, independent Gilbert and Sullivan Repertory Theatre in Fort Erie.

The Gilbert and Sullivan Repertory Company was formed under the auspices of the federally funded Canada Works program. It was allotted a $167,908 grant for one year, ending December, 1978, stipulating a four-show minimum for that period.

The company, consisting of 21 members, comprises people mainly from around Fort Erie, a depressed area; however, where talent was manifest, selections were made from other areas.

The Niagara grads are Mary Ellen Greggain, advertising and promotion; Claire Rivard, social services, and Joel Longfellow, theatre arts.

Miss Greggain, involved in advertising, bookkeeping, and secretarial duties, is enthused about the prospects of the company.

"Our goal is to promote and form an independent, permanent Gilbert and Sullivan theatre," Miss Greggain said.

And why not? For Erie only have about 20 million people passing through annually.

Another graduate, Joel Longfellow, third year theatre arts, is technical director of the production.

Claire Rivard, a promising alto and social services grad, captured a lead as "mad Margaret."

Christopher Sharpe, who played the street singer in Niagara's Three Penny Opera and the lead in Brock's From Morn til Midnight, worked with North Bay's Theatre Circle prior to moving to this area. He plays a lead as Despard, the cursed Baronet, and is also assistant stage manager.

The talents of the members are multi-faceted, said Liz Callahan, co-ordinator of the production. "We have people here who can sing, they also can sew, design posters, construct a set. In this we resemble a little theatre; however, quality is our motto."

Miss Callahan, a graduate of Brock University, holds a degree in psychology and education and has training in dance and choreography.

Tickets, $2 for students and senior citizens, $3 for adults, and $1 for children under 12, will be available in Forst Erie at the Orange Tree, the forst Erie Community Information Centre, both on Jarvis Street, or at 2001 Niagara Blvd.

Persons interested in purchasing tickets, who cannot pick them up in Fort Erie, and asked to call 871-8255 or 871-3066.

Rose to play at Super Pub

The dynamic sounds of Rose will headline the evening at Super Pub this Saturday night, Feb. 18.

Rose will interrupt a tour with Triumph, a top Canadian group, to appear at the Super Pub at the Ukrainian Culture Centre, McCabe Street, Welland. The super Pub concludes the Niagara College winter carnival.

The heavy metal band, Rose, begins their sound and light show at 10:30 p.m.

With Taste of Neptune selling well, their latest album, Judgement Day, "an excellent album and has been very well received," Fraser Kaufman, Rose's manager, said. The album has been heard on CHUM, Q107, CFMY and BUF FM stations. "Within the first week Judgement surpassed 25 per cent of tha total sales of their first album," he said.

Rose's future looks good with a five-year recording contract in the works with Polydor Records in Montreal and a radio special.

Rose will record six albums to be released every six to nine months over the next five years.

Mr. Kaufman said he would like the group to do their albums at recording studio Phase I in Toronto but he is also looking into sound studios in England.

Their third album will be released in the fall.

The three original members of the group, Ron Glatley on keyboard, Brian Allen on guitar and Gary LaLonde on bass, have been together for 10 years. Jim Fox, drummer, joined two years ago.

They are now doing a tour with Triumph appearing at Massey Hall in Toronto in two weeks and later doing one-nighters in Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal at colleges and universities.

The group has just finished playing the El Mocambo in Toronto broadcast live over CHUM FM radio and plan to do a music and interview special for BUF-FM which will be aired in March.

Natives, Japanese featured in new exhibits

By FRANCIS SKRZESZEWSKI

Canadian Indian sculpture and Kogo, Japanese incense boxes, are two of the displays on exhibit at Rodman Hall Arts Centre in St. Catharines.

With the sculpture and Kogo displays are Body and Soul, an exhibit emphasizing the human figure and an exhibit of European graphics.

Ministic Sculptures, made by the Santeaux Indians from Garden Hill in Northern Manitoba, were initially encouraged to boost the community's economy. Moses Keno began his first sculpture in 1959 and in the 20 years since that time his sons and daughter and others in the community have set up the Ministic Carvers Co-op in the Island Lake Indian Reserve.

Emphasis has shifted through the years from adherence to an artistic standard to production of souvenir-type works. The works on display at Rodman Hall were chosen for their expressive or formal qualities and the skills involved in execution.

The Kogo display consists of incense boxes from the aristocratic eras of Japan. The use of incense came to Japan at the same time as Buddhism. In the seventh and eighth centuries, aromatic trees were brought from India and transplanted in Japan. Incense was used to purify temples and as a body perfume. Noblemen of the time carried individual supplies of incense with them in metal or ceramic containers.

Woodpecker on tree stump, part of the Kogo collection of early 19th century Japanese incense boxes on display now at Rodman Hall in St. Catharines.

Most of those containers on display are Kyoto ware, Kyoto being the ancient capital of Japan. The potters took pride in creating original and intricate forms.

Body and Soul takes works from various mediums that deal with the human figure conveying a certain mood. The exhibit comprises pencil and charcoal nudes to comic graphics by Canadian and foriegn artists.

Also on display are many of the permanent collection. A display of sketches by Frederick and C. Goldhammer from the Frederick Schaefer Bequest completes Rodman Hall's exhibits for February.

Ministic Sculpture is created in two manners, Barbara Todd, curator of education and extension, said. One method is to form the rock into a preconceived image that comes from a myth or dream image, or, to carve the rock complimenting any shape that already seems to exist in the rock thereby releasing the rock's spirit. This accounts for a piece like "Leg" created by Claira Keno which starts as a feminine leg with high-heeled shoe and turns into a bird's head.